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TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS FOR UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Lung Foundation (WLF-SA) has formulated a two years project to make Delhi University Campus a tobacco free zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to encourage such projects in other Universities and Hospitals also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): Word Lung Foundation (WLF-SA) has formulated a two years project to make Delhi University Campus a tobacco free zone. The details of the project are as under:-

1. Mass Scale intensive ACSM (Advocacy Communication Social Mobilisation) IEC (Information, Education and Communication) activities.

2. Formation of tobacco free brigades in the colleges of Delhi University.

3. Sensitization of Teachers, Karamchari, Students and Tobacco Venders against the negative impact of tobacco use and the existing legal provisions.

4. Holding the street shows.

5. Putting of hoarding and other educational material in the colleges/campus of Delhi University.

(c)&(d): Section 4 of the Tobacco Control Act, 2003 prohibits smoking in public places, which include Hospitals and Educational Institutes.

The State Governments are the implementing agencies and they are being repeatedly impressed upon to effectively enforce the provisions of the Act/Rules framed thereunder.

Government of India has launched National Tobacco Control Programme for effective enforcement of the tobacco control legislation with a focus on;

(i) building awareness about ill effects of tobacco at the community level.

(ii) Building enforcement capacity of the State Governments.